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TOPIC Military Information from Gera

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Units returning to the Heuss Kaserne in Gera between 17 and 20 October 1953 included: 12 152-mm howitzers; 12 122-mm howitzers; 24 100-mm AT guns; 12 to 14 x 85-mm AT guns; 16 x 57-mm AT guns;

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an estimated 3,600 soldiers and officers wearing red-bordered black epaulettes including about 80 percent with artillery insignia and 20 percent with motor transport or AT artillery insignia. Between 1 and 5 p.m. on 21 October, 153 officers including 2 colonels and 2 lieutenant colonels left the installation toward the town.

Comment.  the return of the 308th Arty Brig (US).  The present report seems to be the most correct regarding number and caliber of guns as to T/E. Accordingly, one battalion with 12 x 152-mm howitzers; one battalion with 12 x 122-mm howitzers; one battalion with 12 x 76.2-mm field guns, rather than 85-mm AT guns; and one battalion with 12 x 57-mm AT guns can be carried. The number of officers and personnel seems to be exaggerated.

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